



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



JUNE 30, 2014 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 30, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of June 16, 2014. Brown, Combs, and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Chairman Brown announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Brown approved the Agenda as submitted and the June 16, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Warren requested an Executive Session for personnel reasons.

A motion was made by Brown to go into Executive Session at 9:01 a.m. for personnel reasons with the 3 Board Members, Clerk Kassebaum, Warren & Buescher present and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Corman to leave Executive Session at 9:13 a.m. and the motion was seconded by Brown. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Warren submitted a Road Closure Study on Road 4000 from Road U North 2,407 ft. North across Oxbow Creek between Sections 33 & 34, T4N-R6W. Warren requests the Right of Way returned to the abutting land owner. A motion was made by Brown to approve the Road Closure Study as submitted and to proceed to the next step and the motion was seconded by Combs. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Buescher commented that the County has received the Tire Recycling Grant from the NDEQ. The award is with Champlin Tire. With Champlin's schedule, the County needs to set a date. The date of Friday, August 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is set for the Tire Recycling Collection.

Warren noted the blades are out and the gravel trucks are hauling gravel in the Northeast part of the County. Warren updated the Board on the progress of Project C-65(647). They will be working on inventory also this week. They will start working on driveway tube requests also. They will be starting on Project C-65(683)-Road B (Sedan Elevator/Aurora Coop) in late July or August.

Gretchen Wagner Coordinator for Central Nebraska Child Advocacy met with the Board to present what Central Nebraska Child Advocacy is about. They serve 11 Counties and they work closely with the Sheriff/Police Departments, DHHS, and other entities. They provide forensic evidence for child abuse cases, provide advocacy for the families, etc. Wagner noted they have done 5 forensic interviews for Nuckolls County in the last year. Brad Baker, Chief Deputy Sheriff was present to give his support for them. Baker noted they are one of the best organizations out there. Wagner also is requesting financial support for the Central Nebraska Child Advocacy for the fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$2,500.00. **Corman made the motion to contribute \$2,500.00 to the Central Nebraska Child Advocacy and the motion was seconded by Brown. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Chairman Brown recessed at 9:45 a.m. for Board of Equalization.
Chairman Brown reconvened at 10:25 a.m.



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A motion was made by Brown to approve the transfer of funds from the Canine (K-9) Fund to the County General Fund and the motion was seconded by Combs. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried. The reason for the transfer is to close out the Canine Fund as the County no longer has a drug dog.

Susan Rogers, County Assessor submitted the Contract for Appraisal Services for the Re-Valuation of the West half of the rural properties with building structures. The contract is with Stanard Appraisal Services for the amount of \$81,600.00 for 510 parcels. A motion was made by Combs to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the Contract with Stanard Appraisal and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Clerk Kassebaum submitted the documents for the 2014/2015 County Employee Medical & Dental Insurance Plan. The submitted documents are the Administrative Service Agreement with Mid-American Benefits; Service Agreement with Hines & Associates; Midlands Choice Multi Plan with Appendix D; Amendment #4-Preventive/Routine Care; HCC Application and the HCC Business Associates Agreement. A motion was made by Combs to authorize Chairman Brown to sign all insurance documents as submitted and the motion was seconded by Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried. Gonzales was present for the session.

Gonzales met with the Board to submit the Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services for renewal on the Sub Grant Agreement with the Nuckolls County Clerk of the District Court for the term of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. A motion was made by Brown to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the Sub Grant Agreement with NDHHS as submitted and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

The issue of the consolidation of the Nuckolls County Emergency Management Department with the Nuckolls County Sheriff's Department was discussed further. Jim Marr, Sheriff and Brad Baker, Chief Deputy Sheriff were present. It was discussed that a separate budget be kept for the Emergency Management Office for ease in reporting. A dispatcher's salary will be budgeted in that budget with 32 hours a week. Brad Baker will be the licensed Emergency Manager with a dispatcher as the secretary. Discussion was held regarding the vehicle, 4-wheeler, light bar trailer, phone, computers, and other equipment. **A motion was made by Brown to combine the Emergency Management Department with the Sheriff's Department with Brad Baker as the Manager with a wage of \$700.00 month and he will appoint his own deputy emergency manager, and the motion was seconded by Combs. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held regarding the Noxious Weed Department. With the resignation of Timothy Stutzman there is a vacancy in the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Corman to the Chairman of the Noxious Weed Board and is temporarily acting as the Noxious Weed Administrator. It was determined to advertise for 2 weeks to see what applicants are received. The County will advertise for 2 weeks for a part-time position with no benefits. Wage and vehicle is negotiable.

A Resolution was submitted by the South Central Economic Development District to adjust the boundaries of the district to include Howard County. A motion was made by Combs to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the Resolution to allow Howard County into the boundaries of the South Central Economic Development District and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.



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A request for approval from Region 3 Behavioral Services for the EPC Letter of Agreement between Nuckolls County and Region 3 Behavioral Health Services was submitted for the 2014/2015 fiscal year with the amount of \$721.89 per day after day 5. A motion was made by Combs to authorize Chairman Brown to sign the EPC Letter of Agreement with Region 3 Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$721.89 per day after day 5 and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

The following claims were approved:

General Fund

Weathercraft	gutter repair to C.H. roof	\$ 7,780.00
GIS Workshop	2 nd ½ of contract	\$12,000.00

Road Fund

Nuckolls County Treasurer	voided check	\$ 40.00
Canine (K-9)		
Nuckolls County Treasurer	balance of funds	\$ 97.00

Chairman Brown recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

Chairman Brown reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

The following Elected Officials were present for the salary talks for regular employees; Tim Schmidt, County Attorney; Jackie Kassebaum, County Clerk; Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer; Royce Gonzales, Clerk of the District Court; Jim Marr, Sheriff; Brad Baker, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent; Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary to the Road Department; Phyllis Schoenholtz, UNL Extension Agent. Schmidt has requested to have a 4/5 legal secretary instead of 3/5.

A motion was made by Brown to allow Schmidt to hire a 4/5 position with 32 hours and the motion was seconded by Combs. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye. Corman voted nay. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Jim Marr, Sheriff requested to increase his dispatchers pay \$1.50 hour from their current pay. A motion was made by Brown to increase all the Sheriff's dispatchers pay \$1.50 hour more in wage and the motion was seconded by Corman. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Marr also requested to have his two deputies salaries increased. One of the deputy's to \$31,677.30 year and the other deputy to \$31,227.30 year. Discussion was held regarding the difference in the requested salaries and the current salaries. Ensign reported it was approximately \$200-\$250 difference. **A motion was made by Corman to increase the two deputy's salaries \$250.00 a month and the motion was seconded by Brown. Brown and Corman voted aye, Combs voted nay. Motion carried with a majority vote.**

Brown presented an increase of \$0.50 hour increase for all regular employees. **A motion was made by Brown to raise the regular employees \$0.50 hour and Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

The Budget Making Authority met with the Board to discuss getting the various offices set up for budget talks. It was determined to have Tim Schmidt, County Attorney; Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer, Royce Gonzales, Clerk of the District Court and County Clerk/Election Commissioner, Jackie Kassebaum visit next week, July 7, 2014.



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As there is no further business the meeting recessed at 1:10 p.m. until Monday, July 7, 2014.

Arnold Brown, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk